

# The House PAGE



Since 1891, young people from across the state have come to Olympia to serve as pages for the Washington State House of Representatives.

Paging presents students with a unique educational opportunity to participate in the legislative process. Selection as a page is a great honor.

Page duties are varied. They range from ceremonial tasks such as presenting the flags to operational chores like distributing amendments during legislative sessions. Each job is vital to the efficient operation of the Legislature.

As the week-long experience draws to a close and pages return to their schools and communities, it is hoped that pages will share their experiences and observations with others in an effort to contribute to a more universal understanding of the legislative process.



## The Work Week and Orientation

Pages must attend a two-hour page orientation on the Sunday afternoon immediately preceding the scheduled work week. The scheduled work week begins the next day, Monday, and extends through the following Sunday, depending on whether or not the House is in session. Daily work hours begin at 7:45 am and typically last until 5:00 pm (though pages may be asked to work later if the House of Representatives is in session.)

## Page School

Pages spend two hours each day in a classroom setting learning about the legislative process. In addition, pages have the opportunity to spend another hour, in a quiet environment, working on school assignments from home.

## Requirements

To serve as a page for the House of Representatives, a student must:

- Have permission from a parent or guardian
- Have permission from school
- Be sponsored by a member of the House of Representatives
- Be at least 14 years of age and not have reached his or her 17th birthday

To allow the maximum number of students to participate, pages are allowed to serve only one week per legislative session for either the House or the Senate, not both.

## Clothing

The House will provide pages with page jackets and a black tie (for boys). Pages must bring the following clothing, to be worn each day: a white blouse or white shirt with collar, black dress slacks or black skirt, black shoes, and black socks.

## Housing and Transportation

Pages are responsible for their own housing and transportation arrangements. The House of Representatives will provide a list of available private housing at the time of employment confirmation.

Washington State  
House of Representatives  
Chief Clerk  
P.O. Box 40600  
Olympia, WA 98504-0600



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# House Page Application – (return to your Representative)

*Please type or print legibly*

Have you paged before? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. #

City State Zip

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need help with housing?: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Daytime Phone:( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Social Security Number must be obtained before application can be accepted)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's or Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **SPONSOR:**

Representative \_\_\_\_\_

\*Weeks you **CANNOT** page (final exams, sports, family obligations, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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*\*Please give this section careful consideration.  
We cannot reschedule you if you cancel.*

I recommend this applicant for the position of PAGE in  
the Washington State House of Representatives during  
the upcoming session.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member, Washington State House of Representatives

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Teacher/Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **Employment Information**

Applicants who are selected to serve as House pages will be provided with written employment confirmation. At that time, a packet will be provided which contains detailed information regarding the paging experience and forms that must be completed prior to the time paging begins.

Paging is a paid position – the pay is \$35 per day for each day worked. Before work commences, federal law requires that all employees, including pages, have a **Social Security card and prove their employment eligibility.**

## **Questions**

If you have questions or need this application in an alternate format, please contact the House of Representatives at the address and telephone number provided below.

## **House of Representatives**

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